

HALF HOLIDAY PLAN IS FINDING FAVOR

Extension of Saturday Privilege Regarded Practicable by Department Heads.

While several of the cabinet members are on record as favoring the proposal to have a Saturday half holiday for government clerks extended through the entire year, the final action in this matter is delayed by the absence of several of the department heads from this city.

Practically all of these, however, are said to be decidedly in favor of extending the half-holiday regime. In their absence the assistant secretaries are receiving and holding under advisement the reports from bureau chiefs regarding the feasibility and advantages of the year-round half holiday.

These will be submitted to the secretaries as they return to the capital, so that they will be in a position to make a prompt response to the inquiry of President Wilson as to the practicability of extending this half holiday to the army of government employees.

Favored by Attorney General.

Attorney General Gregory is in favor of an extension of the Saturday half holiday to include all Saturdays of the year. He has not prepared his answer to the general proposition, being engaged today at the Supreme Court. It is anticipated that his favorable consideration of the suggestion will be put into formal written form tomorrow.

If the Secretaries of State, War and Navy follow the recommendation of the heads of a majority of the bureaus of their respective departments, they will adopt the official view of Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce, that the law and the state of public business justify closing the departments at the time indicated all the year round.

No Reports Made to President.

None of the Secretaries named has yet made a report to the President on the subject, but will do so within a few days. Chief Clerk Davis of the State Department has made a report to Secretary Lansing in favor of the Saturday half holiday all the year round, and most of the bureau chiefs of the War Department are said to have submitted reports taking a similar position.

None of the bureau chiefs of the Navy Department has yet reported on the subject. It is understood that most of them feel that the half holiday of that department do a great deal of extra work during the other days of the week. It is only right, they should have the full benefit of the legal half-day holiday in the District.

Absence from town on the part of the Secretaries or the pressure of business were the reasons voiced at the Departments of the Treasury, Post Office, Interior, Agriculture and Labor for the fact that no answers to the President's inquiry have as yet been prepared. It was stated that the matter is to be given immediate attention at each of these departments.

NOTED BRITISH PRELATE HEARD IN TWO CHURCHES

Lord Bishop of Worcester Talks on English and American Influences and Ambitions.

Clad in robes of scarlet and white and black, the Lord Bishop of Worcester, who at times sits in the house of lords in England, preached last evening in the Church of the Epiphany. He said that the influences and ambitions of England and America are those of each other.

This remark came in reply to a short address of the Rev. Dr. Randolph H. McKim, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, who declared that he hoped his lordship would take back to the churches of England the sympathy and love of communicants of the sister church in this country in the present world struggle.

The lord bishop also spoke in the Epiphany Chapel of the Holy Nativity, at Mount St. Alban, yesterday morning.

Address by Bishop Montgomery.

Bishop Montgomery, secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, who is to represent the English church at the Protestant Episcopal general convention which is to begin in St. Louis Wednesday, in conjunction with the Lord Bishop of Worcester spoke at 4 o'clock at the meeting at the peace cross.

In this address the bishop called attention to the reason why India has sent 30,000 men to swell England's armies in Europe, declaring "It is because of the tremendous effort created by the great men who strove unselfishly for the good of India."

The bishop also talked at length of the advancement of the Church of England in its missionary work and of the high type of missionary which the English-speaking people are sending out.

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DISTRICT SOLDIERS SETTLING IN CAMP

All But 3d Battalion, 3d Infantry, Located on the Border.

SOME TO RETURN HOME

All of the units of the District militia which have been traveling to new camps during the week, with the exception of the 2d Battalion, 2d Infantry, were getting settled today. Two battalions of the 3d Infantry, which left Rosslyn, Va., Wednesday night, arrived at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex., early today, and two sections bearing these troops have been placed on the siding at Camp Wilson, where they are to be located within a hundred yards of their camp. Section 3, bearing the 3d Battalion, was expected some time this evening.

Troop A, which arrived at Camp Wilson Friday, was today putting the finishing touches on its permanent camp.

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CITIZENS URGED TO PREVENT FIRES

Fire prevention day won a place in Washington's calendar of annual celebrations today.

Fire Chief Wagner, Charles F. Nesbit, superintendent of insurance, and other District officials rode around the city in some of the fire department's red cars this morning, making enough racket with the fire horns to impress thousands of citizens that something out of the ordinary was taking place.

In the various fire districts there were parades of fire apparatus, and in the public schools exercises and drills, which impressed upon the minds of several thousand children that the subject of fire prevention is an important one.

National Fire Prevention Day.

October 9 has become national fire prevention day, but today marked the first time Washington has officially lined up with the country-wide movement to prevent fires and reduce fire wastes.

The committee in charge of the initiative celebration here was appointed only about a week ago, but in the limited time at its disposal it worked up a rather comprehensive program.

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